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REMARKS

The above amendment has been prepared in accordance with the revised format now permitted as a waiver to the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. The above amendment is considered to address the concerns raised by the petitions examiner in considering Applicant's petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim of priority.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, an early indication thereof is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns regarding the amendments presented herein, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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